

## CLAIMS

1. A system for accessing information (10) associated with rights (12) to use that information (10) expressed in a particular rights expression language at a
5. consultation station (4) including use rights recovery means (14) adapted to recognize use rights expressed in one or more different languages in order to access said information (10), which system is characterized in that it includes a use rights adaptation unit (16) associated
- 10 with means (18) for determining said particular language in which said use rights (12) associated with said information (10) are expressed, with means (20; 78) for determining the one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means (14) of said
- 15 consultation station (4), and with use rights conversion means (22) for converting the use rights (12) associated with said information (10) when expressed in a language that is not recognized by said recovery means (14) of said consultation station (4) between said particular
- 20 language in which the use rights associated with the information (10) are expressed and another language selected from the one or more languages recognized by said recovery means (14) of the consultation station (4).
- 25 2. A system according to claim 1, characterized in that said means for determining the one or more rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means (14) of said consultation station (4) include an adaptation server (16) comprising means (20) for remotely interrogating the recovery means (14).
- 30 3. A system according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in that said means for determining the one or more rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means (14) of said consultation station (4) include means (78) for declaring to said adaptation unit (16) the one or more languages recognized by said
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recovery means (14).

4. A system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said information (10) and said  
5 associated use rights (12) are stored in the same information server (2) connected to said consultation station (4) and to said adaptation unit (16) via an information transfer network (6).
- 10 5. A system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said information (10) is stored on an information server (2) and said use rights (12) associated with the information (10) are stored on a rights management server (50), said information server  
15 (2), said rights management server (50), said consultation station (4) and said adaptation unit (16) being interconnected via an information transfer network (6), and said information (10) including information as to the location of said rights management server (50) to enable said consultation station (4) to interrogate said rights management server (50) in order to receive the rights (12) associated with said information (10).
- 20 6. A system according to claim 4 or claim 5, characterized in that it includes a plurality of consultation stations (4) connected to said information server (2) through said information transfer network (6) via a plurality of network nodes and a plurality of adaptation units integrated into each of the nodes  
25 connected directly to said consultation station (4).
- 30 7. A system according to any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that said consultation station (4) is connected to said adaptation unit (16) via a mobile telecommunication network (70) and an information transfer network (6) and said networks (6, 70) are  
35 connected by a gateway (74) including information

conversion means (76) adapted to convert the information between said mobile telecommunication network (70) and said information transfer network (6).

- 5     8. A system according to any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that said consultation station is mobile and said recovery means (14) are adapted to recognize the DRMREL rights expression language.
- 10    9. A system according to claim 8, characterized in that said rights (12) associated with said information (10) to be sent are expressed in the MPEG-21 rights expression language.
- 15    10. A method of accessing information (10) associated with rights (12) to use that information (10) expressed in a particular rights expression language at a consultation station (4) including use rights recovery means (14) adapted to recognize use rights expressed in one or more different languages in order to access said information (10), which method is characterized in that it includes:
  - a step of determining the expression language of said rights (12);
  - a step (34; 58; 84) of determining the one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means (14) of said consultation station (4);
  - a step (38; 59; 87) of converting said use rights (12) expressed in said particular language in which the use rights associated with the information (10) to be transmitted are expressed into another language selected from the one or more languages recognized by said recovery means (14); and
  - a step (42; 60; 88; 90) of sending said converted rights (40) to said consultation station (4).
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